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Rich Man's War; Poor People's Blood

7 Arrested at Hancock Reaper Drone Base with Giant Bloody Dollars

Monday, 25 September 2017 at 9 AM, 7 members of the grassroots group Upstate Drone Action once again were arrested as they delivered a citizen's war crime indictment to the chain of command at Hancock Air Force Base. Upstate Drone Action also placed a huge dollar sign [\$] dripping with "blood" in the main entrance way to the base. The six-foot high dollar sign dramatizes what the group believes determines the many overseas wars the Pentagon/CIA engages in: *corporate greed*.

Hancock AFB -- on East Molloy Rd, town of DeWitt, County of Onondaga, State of New York, just north of Syracuse -- hosts the 174th Attack [sic] Wing of the NY National Guard. The 174th is one of two Reaper drone Attack Wings in NYS. Piloted from Hancock, the MQ9 Reaper drone is an unmanned, satellite-directed assassin flown over Afghanistan. CIA also uses such airborne robots for its clandestine, illegal, lethal missions over Northwest Pakistan and other majority-Islamic nations and oil lands.

According to "LIVING UNDER DRONES: Death, Injury and Trauma to civilians from US Practices in Pakistan," published by Stanford University and New York University Law Schools, such missions are responsible for the deaths of many hundreds of noncombatants, including women and children, in that region.

According to Julianne Oldfield, "*The Hancock Reaper terrorizes whole communities, generating desperate refugees.*" Mark Scibilia-Carver adds that "*U.S. taxpayers fund this terrorism keeping the pot boiling and creating enormous ill will toward the United States -- instead of funding health, education and infrastructure here.*"

Today's action at Hancock's main gate is simply one episode in Upstate Drone Action's persistent nonviolent campaign to expose Reaper drone war crime. Since 2010 there have been some 200 anti-Reaper arrests at Hancock in about a dozen such street theater actions. These have resulted in extreme bails, maximum fines, Orders of Protection, and incarcerations...as well as some acquittals.

Those arrested: Ann Tiffany, Syracuse Dan Burgevin, Trumansburg, NY Ed Kinane, Syracuse Harry Murray, Rochester Julianne Oldfield, Syracuse Mark Scibilia-Carver, Trumansburg, NY Rae Kramer, Syracuse

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